

Why did the Budget charge me \$200?

If you've recently rented a car from Budget Car Rental and noticed an unexpected charge of (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) **\$200**, you're not alone (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). This is a common concern for many renters (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). While this charge may seem surprising, it's usually a standard part of Budget's rental process (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). In this article, we'll explain why the Budget may charge you this amount and what you can do to resolve any confusion or disputes (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

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One of the most common reasons Budget Car Rental charges an additional (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) **\$200** is due to a **standard authorization hold or deposit** (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). This amount is typically placed on your card to cover potential incidentals, damages, or fuel during the rental period (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). It's important to note that this charge is not a fee; it's a temporary hold on your account that is released when you return the car in the same condition as when you picked it up (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

Budget often charges an extra (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) \$200 because it's a **standard authorization hold (deposit)** for **debit card users** or a **required amount (estimated charges + \$200/25%)** for **credit card users** to cover incidentals, fuel, or damages (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). Sometimes, it may also be an unexpected charge resulting from **optional extras** you might have inadvertently signed up for, like the **Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)** or additional insurance coverage (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

If you're unsure about this charge, contacting **Budget Car Rental Customer Service** (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) directly is the best way to get clarification (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). You can reach Budget's customer service at (877)★ **684 ★ (4354)**, and they will be able to explain the charge and help you dispute it if necessary (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

What Does the \$200 Charge Cover?

The (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) \$200 charge typically covers several possible costs that Budget might incur during your rental (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). Here's a breakdown of what this authorization hold or charge can cover:

1. Incidentals

This is for any extra expenses that may arise during your rental period, such as tolls or additional services (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

2. Fuel

If you choose not to prepay for fuel, Budget will authorize a certain amount to ensure that the vehicle is returned with a full tank of gas (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). If you don't

return the car with a full tank, they may charge you for the fuel (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

3. **Damages**

In case there are any damages to the car during the rental, the charge helps cover the cost of repairs (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). This could include anything from minor scratches to more serious body damage (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

4. **Optional Extras**

If you've opted for any additional services, like the **Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)**, **Collision Damage Waiver (CDW)**, or roadside assistance, these fees could contribute to the extra \$200 charge (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

5. **Security Deposit**

For debit card users, Budget often places a security deposit as part of the authorization process (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). This deposit is generally higher than what's charged to credit card users (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

How Long Does the \$200 Charge Stay on My Account?

The (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) \$200 charge (authorization hold) is not an actual fee but a temporary hold on your account (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). Typically, the hold will be released once the vehicle is returned, provided there are no damages or extra charges (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). Depending on your bank or financial institution, the hold can remain on your account for anywhere from 3 to 7 business days, although some banks may take longer to remove it (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

Can the \$200 Charge Be Removed?

If you believe that the (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) \$200 charge was placed in error or you were charged for optional extras you didn't agree to, it's important to contact **Budget Car Rental's customer service** at (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). When contacting Budget, be prepared to:

- Provide your rental agreement number
- Describe the issue you're facing (such as unexpected charges or damages)
- Ask for clarification or dispute the charge

Budget's customer service team (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) will review your case and may refund or adjust the charge if they determine it was incorrect (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). If the charge was for optional extras like LDW or fuel, and you didn't agree to these charges, it's possible they may be reversed or reduced (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

Why Did I Get Charged for Optional Extras Like Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)?

Sometimes the additional (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) **\$200 charge** is a result of signing up for optional services like **Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)**, which covers damage to the rental car (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). If you did not fully understand the terms or didn't intend to sign up for this protection, it's essential to contact **Budget Car Rental customer service** at (877)★ **684 ★ (4354)**. In many cases, customers inadvertently select LDW or other add-ons during the booking process (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). These charges can be refunded or adjusted after contacting Budget for clarification (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

How to Dispute the \$200 Charge

If you feel the charge was applied incorrectly, follow these steps:

1. **Review Your Rental Agreement**

Check your rental agreement to verify if you agreed to any optional extras or additional services that might explain the charge (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

2. **Contact Budget Car Rental**

Call (877)★ **684 ★ (4354)** or visit their contact page for assistance (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). Explain the charge and ask for a refund if applicable (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

3. **Provide Supporting Documentation**

If you have any receipts or proof that you did not opt for additional services or if you returned the car without incident, share this information with the customer service team (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

4. **Follow Up**

If the issue isn't resolved immediately, ask for a reference number and follow up if necessary (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

What to Do If You Were Charged for Damages or Fuel

If the (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) \$200 charge is related to **damages** or **fuel**, and you don't agree with the charges, make sure to:

- **Document the car's condition** when you pick it up and when you return it (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). Taking pictures or videos can help protect you from being wrongly charged for damages (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).
- **Check the fuel level** at pickup and return to ensure you're not being charged for missing fuel (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).

If you dispute any damage charges or fuel charges, contact **Budget Car Rental** immediately at (877)★ **684 ★ (4354)** to discuss the issue.

Final Thoughts

If you've been charged (877)★ 684 ★ (4354) \$200 by Budget Car Rental, it's typically due to an authorization hold or deposit for incidentals, damages, fuel, or optional extras like the Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). If you believe the charge is incorrect, the best course of action is to **contact Budget customer service at (877)★ 684 ★ (4354)** (877)★ 684 ★ (4354). They will be able to provide clarification, help you dispute the charge, and ensure your account is appropriately adjusted (877)★ 684 ★ (4354).